

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Employment Services



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COMPENSATION REVIEW BOARD

CRB No. 12-147(1)

**VERONICA HOWARD,
Claimant–Petitioner,**

v.

**WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY,
Self-Insured Employer-Respondent**

Justin M. Beall, Esquire, for the Claimant
Mark H. Dho, Esquire, for the Self-Insured Employer

LAWRENCE D. TARR, *Chief Administrative Appeals Judge*, for the Compensation Review Board

ORDER FOR RECONSIDERATION EN BANC

Pursuant to 7 DCMR §255.8, the March 5, 2013 Decision and Remand Order of the Review Panel in this case is Ordered to be reconsidered by the Compensation Review Board en banc.

The specific issue for which reconsideration en banc is ordered is:

Whether the opinion of a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) is competent medical evidence to invoke the statutory presumption of compensability in an injured workers' mental-mental claim when that opinion relates a psychological injury to an actual workplace conditions or events which could have caused or aggravated the psychological injury in accordance with *Ramey v. PEPCO*, CRB No. 06-38(R), AHD No. 03-035C (July 24, 2008), *aff'd sub nom Ramey v DOES*, 997 A.2d 694 (D.C. 2010).

The claimant is hereby directed to submit a memorandum of points and authorities within 30 days of the date of this Order and the self-insured employer is directed to file a response within 20 days thereafter.

SO ORDERED:

/s/ *Lawrence D. Tarr*
LAWRENCE D. TARR
Chief Administrative Law Judge

March 28, 2013
DATE